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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ETRD MTN

SUBJ: MTN: CONSULTATION WITH ANDEAN GROUP ON U.S. OFFERS

REF: GENEVA 2972, LIMA 1162, LIMA 2002

1. ON MARCH 13 EMBOFF CALLED ON PATRICIO LEIVA, DIRECTOR OF THE ANDEAN GROUP'S ECONOMIC POLICY DEPARTMENT, TO DELIVER COPY OF PAPER AMBASSADOR HAD EARLIER GIVEN TO MOFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (LIMA 1162). EMBOFF ADVISED THAT SIMILAR APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE IN OTHER ANDEAN CAPITALS AND ASKED IF LEIVA COULD ESTIMATE THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE ANDEAN GROUP TO REACH AN AGREED JOINT POSITION. LEIVA RESPONDED THAT HE AND POSSIBLY ONE OF THE JUNTA MEMBERS (JUNTA IS THE THREE MAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE ANDEAN GROUP) WILL BE GOING TO GENEVA FOR DISCUSSIONS ON MTN IN APRIL. AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS WOULD BE MADE SOON AFTER THIS TRIP.

2. LEIVA ALSO SAID THAT HIS OFFICE IS PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON A PROPOSED COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION FOR FIRST

CONSIDERATION MARCH 27. HE THOUGHT FORMAL ADOPTION WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL MORE MONTHS, ATTRIBUTING THIS DELAY IN PART TO THE DISTRACTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESSES WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES. EMBOFF ASKED IF COMMISSION'S ACTION TO LOWER SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMMON MINIMUM EXTERNAL TARIFF (DECISION 104) HAD HAD ANY EFFECT ON PLANNING FOR THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF. LEIVA RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY SAYING PROPOSED LEVELS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THOSE ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

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